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Selectmen's Minutes 10-24-2005

TOWN OF ARLINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes
 Monday, 10/24/05
 7:15 p.m.

Present: Mr. Hurd, Chair, Mrs. Dias, Vice Chair, Mrs. Mahon and Ms. LaCourt.

Also present: Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Maher, and Mrs. Sullivan.

Absent: Mr. Greeley

FOR APPROVAL

Minutes of Meeting: October 17, 2005, August 23, 2004, July 19, 2004, June 14, 2004

Mrs. Mahon moved approval of the October 17, 2005 minutes. SO VOTED (4-0)

Mrs. Mahon moved approval of the August 23, 2004 minutes. SO VOTED (3-0-1)

Ms. LaCourt abstained.

Mrs. Dias moved approval of the July 19, 2004 minutes. SO VOTED (3-0-1)

Ms. LaCourt abstained.

Mrs. Mahon moved approval of the June 14, 2004 minutes. SO VOTED (3-0-1)

Ms. LaCourt abstained.

2. Recognition: Librarian Paige Lindsay

Mrs. Mahon moved approval of the nomination and recognized Ms. Lindsay for her outstanding work. SO VOTED (4-0)

APPOINTMENTS & REAPPOINTMENTS

3. Reappointment: Board of Youth Services

Elaine Shea

(term to expire 7/23/08)

The Selectmen thanked Ms. Shea for the outreach her team does with domestic violence victims.

Mrs. Dias moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0)

LICENSES & PERMITS

4. Request: Eye Mobile in Front of Town Hall, 10/28/05, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Ben Warren, Arlington Lions Club

Mr. Warren announced that Boston is the host City to 17,000 Lions Club members this year for their convention.

Mrs. Dias moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0)

5. Request: July Jamboree Concert, 7/15/06, 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. @ Green in Front of Dallin Museum

Alison Vannah

Mrs. Dias moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0)

6. Request: One Day Beer & Wine License, 10/29/05

James Hamilton, Pleasant Street Congregational Church, Fundraiser

Ms. LaCourt moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

7. Discussion: Arlington Recycling Committee Report

Request: Arlington Recycles Week Designation (Nov. 14-20)

Gordon Jamieson and Susan Wyly, Co-Chairs Arlington Recycling Committee

Mr. Jamieson and Ms. Wyly reported on recycling efforts and events over the last couple of years. They requested the following:

- The Board approve Arlington recycle Week the week of November 14th-20th
- A proclamation be read at the November 7th meeting
- That the publicity board and sandwich boards be available for promoting recycle week

Ms. LaCourt moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

Mrs. Dias asked that the committee look into partnering with a large group (i.e. athletics) and get creative on ways to educate and increase recycling efforts. Mr. Hurd asked the committee to increase public education on how to recycle.

Mrs. Mahon requested Mr. Jamieson to work with Mr. Sullivan regarding the sandwich board usage. Mrs. Mahon also asked if Mr. Jamieson could email information that she will in turn email out to sport user groups.

8. CITIZENS OPEN FORUM

There were no matters presented for consideration of the Board.

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS

9. Request: Stop Signs at Intersection Dickson Ave. with Wheeler Lane/Morningside Drive

Joseph Kerble et al, 92 Morningside Drive

Mrs. Mahon referred to the Transportation Advisory Committee and asked if they would expedite their recommendation.

SO VOTED (4-0)

8:10 p.m.

10. Discussion: Repair of Private Way

Churchill Ave.

Mrs. Mahon moved approval of repair and with intention to execute the Betterment Order.

SO VOTED (4-0)

11. Request: Two Temporary Parking Permits

Theodore Wilson, President, Schools for Children, Inc.

Mrs. Mahon moved to refer to Parking Sub-Committee.

SO VOTED (4-0)

Mrs. Mahon asked Mr. Sullivan and Mr. O'Brien to write their recommendation with more elaborate comments particularly regarding setting precedent for future requests.

12. Request: Support for Freedom's Way Heritage Association, Inc.

Mary Whitney, President

Mrs. Dias moved approval to support, to sign the letter, and also nominate Ms. LaCourt to be the designee for the Selectmen.

SO VOTED (4-0)

13. Discussion: ShopArlington First Lights

Michèle M. Meagher

Ms. Meagher announced that December 3rd is the kick off day to ShopArlington First.

It will start with a celebration of season lighting at the Town Hall.

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

14. Discussion: Jay Kaufman Bill-Community Electric Company

Mrs. Dias moved that the Board vote to support and ask the legislatures to also support.

SO VOTED (4-0)

15. Report: Selectmen Goals

John W. Hurd, Chair

(from 10/17/05 meeting)

Two goals were added to the draft goals:

18) Comprehensive review of the Zoning By-law and identify funding.

19) Review policies and procedures then publish on the website (possibly do a couple each meeting).

Mrs. Mahon moved receipt of goals with additions.

SO VOTED (4-0)

Mrs. Mahon moved that Ms. LaCourt and Mr. Hurd form a sub-committee to revise and finalize the goals then present to the Board.

SO VOTED (4-0)

16. Report: Menotomy Journal

Jim Porter and Steve Boudreau

Mrs. Mahon moved receipt of report.

SO VOTED (4-0)

17. Discussion: Funding for Massachusetts Avenue Reconstruction

Mrs. Mahon asked to revise the last sentence of the letter and cc: Congressman Markey.

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

Correspondence Received

John F. Maher Charter Commission Be Rec'd
Town Counsel

William Shea Concerns relative to graffiti Be Rec'd
Chair, Arlington
Human Rights
Committee

John L. Worden III Santini's 40B, Brattle Street Be Rec'd
Moderator

John F. Maher Peirce Field Concession Stand Be Rec'd
Town Counsel

Mrs. Mahon moved receipt of correspondence.

SO VOTED (4-0)

Mrs. Mahon raised concern over the small size of the concession stand area at Peirce Field. The Selectmen agreed that Mr. Maher on behalf of the Board of Selectmen, A.H.S. sports user groups, and youth sports user groups would contact the School Committee to express the concerns and ask that the plan be changed.

Mrs. Mahon requested guidance from Mr. Maher regarding the Board's involvement with an ongoing 40B development at Brattle Street.

Mrs. Mahon made a motion requesting Mr. Maher's advice regarding Mr. Worden's letter.

SO VOTED (4-0)

Ms. LaCourt recommended that the Board support the Human Rights Commission and attend on November 3rd.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Sullivan announced that the Arlington Studio had a target date of the November 7th Board of Selectmen Meeting to begin showing the agenda item and content on the bottom of the T.V. screen.

Mrs. Mahon and Ms. LaCourt requested the Board approve the excess campaign monies from 2003-2005 be transferred/donated to the Arlington Assistance Fund. Mr. Maher cautioned that an Advisory Ruling should be requested regarding this donation and he would help draft the request letter.

Mrs. Mahon requested Mr. Sullivan and/or the Transportation Advisory Committee get the crosswalks repainted on Quincy Street.

Mrs. Mahon asked Mr. Sullivan to check into the Dillboy Field CSO problem and get the track number and status.

Mrs. Mahon asked Mr. Sullivan to advise the Board regarding the D.E.P. variance and legal resources and/or options. She requested the information for a future meeting (4-6 weeks).

Mr. Hurd reported on the Budget and Revenue Task Force meeting held earlier this evening and announced the nominations to the sub-committee, they are:

- Board of Selectmen representative is Charlie Lyons
- Board of Assessors representative is James Doherty
- School Committee representative is Suzanne Owayda
- Finance Committee representative is Steven DeCorsie
- Capital Budget Committee representative is Charlie Foscett
- Budget & Revenue Task Force representatives are Annie LaCourt and John Bilafer

The sub-committee will pick four more representatives.

Mrs. Mahon moved to adjourn at 9:45 P.M.

SO VOTED (4-0)

A True Record: Attest:

Mary Ann Sullivan

Executive Session